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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasuhito TSUJI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1711**

Application Number: **10/525,740**

Examiner: **Ana Lucrecia WOODWARD**

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For: **METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF POLYAMIDE**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 26, 2007

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated January 25, 2007, Applicants elect: Specie i) "Methods that require the use of a self-cleaning horizontal twin-screw reaction apparatus." Claims 1-32 read on the elected species.

In response to the Examiner's request for election of the specific operations, Applicants elect a combination of an inert gas-purging operation and a vacuating operation. Examples 2, 5-7, 10-14 16 and 17 read on the elected specific operations.

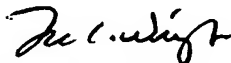
Applicants election is with traverse. One of the criteria for a proper election of species requirement is that there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Applicants respectfully submit that there is no undue burden to search all of the species together, as evidenced by the first Office Action.

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If any points remain at issue for which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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